

Pest Prevention Tips

Pest Proof Your Green Cone

Purchase a 2 ft x 6 ft piece of ¼ inch, 23 to 18 gauge hardware cloth and a small roll of thin wire at your local hardware or lumber store. A pair of tin snips and gloves will also be needed.



* Separate the black basket from the outer cone and liner.

* Turn the black basket upside down.

* Photo 10: Wrap the hardware cloth around the basket, forming a cylinder.



* Photo 11: Lace the hardware cloth tightly to the basket near the lip, weaving the wire through the holes in the hardware cloth and basket openings.



* Photo 12: Use the tin snips to cut 4 slits in the hardware cloth vertically down to within 6 inches of the upside-down basket's lip.

photo 12

* Photo 13: Bend the four panels snugly against the basket's sides and lace their edges together through the basket's openings.

* Photo 14: Bend the remaining length of the four panels over the basket's bottom, cut to fit if needed, and lace down with wire.

* Screw the outer cone and liner to the hardware cloth covered basket.

* Install in the ground as per instructions for burying your Green Cone.



photo 13



photo 14

Hardware Cloth Sources

Home Builders Center

1110 W. Nickerson
206.283.6060
\$3.00/ft (4 feet wide)

Magnolia Ace Hardware

2420 – 32nd Ave
206.282.1916
\$1.49/ft (3 or 4 feet widths)

Stewart Lumber and Hardware Co.

1761 Rainier Ave
206.324.5000
\$1.11/ft (2 feet wide)

Stephenson Ace Hardware

9000 Roosevelt WY NE
206.522.3324
\$2.99/ft (3 feet wide)

Greenwood Hardware

7201 Greenwood N
206.783.2900
\$1.19/ft (2 feet wide)

Junction True Value

4747 - 44th SW
206.932.0450
\$1.79/ft (3 feet wide)

Crown Hill Hardware

NW 80th and 15th NW
206.784.0016
\$1.99/ft (3 feet wide)

Tweedy & Popp Ace

1916 N 45th
206.632.2290
\$1.99/ft (2 feet wide)

Home Depot

11616 Aurora N
206.361.9600
\$10.95 (2 ft X 10 ft roll)

Home Depot

2701 Utah S
206.467.9200
\$10.95 (2 ft X 10 ft roll)

Lowe's

2700 Rainier S
206.760.0832
\$11.59 (2 ft X 10 ft roll)

Managing Food Scraps In Your Kitchen

Keep food scraps in a covered container. Clean the container every time you empty it. Rub baking soda, lemon juice or vinegar inside the container to freshen and remove odors.

Set a Trap To Control Fruit Flies

To make a Fruit Fly Trap you will need:

- * Drinking glass or plastic container
- * Rubber band
- * 1/8 – 1/4 cup beer, wine or apple juice
- * Piece of plastic to more than cover top of glass or container

Directions

- * Place the beer, wine or apple juice in the bottom of the glass.
- * Place plastic over container and slowly push down in the center of the plastic, forming a funnel. Plastic should not touch liquid.
- * Secure rubber band around plastic and top of glass or container.
- * Poke a hole in the middle of the plastic funnel using a sharp point such as a ballpoint pen or pencil.
- * Set the trap near your kitchen food scrap container. Fruit flies will fly through the hole and once they are in the trap they are unable to fly out.



The Natural Soil Building Program is sponsored by Seattle Public Utilities and managed by the Seattle Tilth Association. For more information on composting please call the Natural Lawn & Garden Hotline at 206.633.0224 or email them at: lawn&gardenhotline@seattletilth.org